

net in Jessie's handwriting, though the writing appeared to be that of a woman. The postal was mailed at 12 P. M. Saturday from the branch post-office at No. 125 Greene street, Manhattan, and read:

"Dear Mother: I am at Dakenbach's. I will be home Thursday. Don't worry. JESSIE."

None of the McCann family knew of a place or a person by the name of Dakenbach, and although they turned the postal over to the police they are satisfied that it is the effort of a crank. **SEEN AT GOOD GROUND BY PEOPLE WHO KNEW HER.**

It is on the Good Ground side of the Evening World that they now pin their faith. They are certain that persons who knew Jessie could not be mistaken in their identification. Not only Charles Michael, but Mrs. Frank Goodale, who has a confectionery store on the main street in Good Ground, and who was very much better acquainted with the girl than was the station agent, gave this account of seeing the young social worker:

"I was at the station seeing a friend when I saw her standing on the platform when Miss McCann came from the waiting room, followed by a woman of perhaps twice her age, who looked as if she might be a trained nurse or some kind of a servant or companion."

"I stepped forward to speak to her when she turned her back to me and hurried toward the train, which had just come in. She evidently didn't want to speak to me, and I was much surprised, as she had always been so very talkative and genial."

"She had been in my store perhaps a hundred times. She often came in with young Callahan, and would buy cream or candy. Many times I have given her candy for the pony she drove and which belonged to the Trumbull."

"I was as familiar with her face and appearance as I am with that of any person in town. I thought when she first came into the store, that she was one of the Trumbull girls, but I later learned her name. I frequently saw her in the company of young men, but she was always very refined and ladylike. She did not act that Saturday as though she were ill. She was in great haste to board the train, and it appeared to me as though she wanted to avoid talking with any one."

**HER SUMMER DAYS THERE WERE PLEASANT.**

The third person to see Miss McCann was David W. Smith, an elderly man and a painter by trade, who while not so sure about the date, is positive he saw the missing girl in an older companion, also a woman, climb aboard the west-bound train which left Good Ground at 12 P. M. He knew Miss McCann from seeing her at the station and at other places about the town in the company of Callahan and the Trumbull girls.

"She seemed to be all right so far as I made out," said Mr. Smith. "She was in the waiting room quite a while. She did not appear to be very well acquainted with her companion. I heard her ask her ticket and it wasn't for New York."

Mrs. Goodale did not notice particularly what clothes Miss McCann wore. "Her dress was blue, I think," she said; "but I cannot say for sure. She looked just as she always did, neat and pretty."

The three weeks Miss McCann spent at Good Ground on her vacation were very pleasant ones, to judge from the stories told by the townsfolk. She was always on the water, swimming, playing ball with the young men and entering into all their sports with an enthusiasm quite unusual in a young woman.

She went on automobile rides about the adjacent country and was always ready for fun with her friends. She was the leading spirit and was never tired, apparently.

**PRaises Squires and Defends SISTER.**

Robert G. McCann Jr., brother of the missing girl, has made a statement concerning her relations to Wendell Squires, the student at the Columbia school of Mines, who says he had an understanding with Jessie, but that when he was graduated they were to be married.

Squires has taken active part in the search for the girl. Speaking, he said, for the family young McCann said:

"The time has now come when I wish to take the newspapers into my full confidence, so you may hear from me. Squires, who knew my sister, will not be possibly dragged into publicity in connection with this case."

"If sister returns home Mr. Squires, who is an estimable young man, and highly regarded by the family, will gladly become her friend."

"Mr. Squires is grieving with us like a member of the family, and I wish to protect him from further questioning. He has held nothing back from us and is devoting every moment of his time to the search. If Jessie is found or voluntarily returns home, I hope she will consent to marry him."

"I want to take exception to the dastardly insinuations appearing in one of the morning newspapers. It is terrible. There was never a purer woman than Mr. Squire's sister on earth, and Squires embodies everything of an honorable and noble young man that I desire to be a far better world if more people contemplated the ideals of these two young people. These insinuating statements heap coals of fire on an already bereaved and weeping family."

"We hope for the best, but if sister is never returned to us it is his will, and we know he will help us to bear it."

"When a number of our friends decided to go to Good Ground last August Jessie gladly joined the party. In the middle of September she returned home to take up her work as teacher in the Sunday School. She seemed less happy and gradually I noticed a change come over her."

**WEeping CAUSED FEARS—AS SURE BY DOCTOR.**

"But it was not until two weeks ago that I began to think. That afternoon she came home from Sunday school and showed me a new hat that she was wearing. I complimented her and kissed her. After I had seated myself she turned on my lap and put her arms about me. Then she began to sob and cry violently."

"The mother had also been observing Jessie's change and was so sure that it would be a girl's death."

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